

Report to	-	Council
Date	-	25 September 2017
Report of the	-	Cabinet
Subject	-	References from Cabinet Meetings

The Council is asked to consider recommendations arising from the Cabinet meetings held on 4 September and 25 September 2017 (there were no recommendations to Council at the meeting held on 31 July 2017), as set out below.

CABINET – 4 September 2017

CB17/16. DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER BEXHILL HIGH SCHOOL SITE

Consideration was given to the confidential report of the Executive Director of Business Operations concerning the development of the former Bexhill High School site as a leisure destination.

The Council's aspiration was to provide a one site facility in Bexhill to encompass all leisure facilities for the community and this objective was reflected in the Council's Corporate Plan 2014-2021, Local Plan Site Allocation and the Bexhill Town Centre Strategy.

The Council's objective was to secure a leisure destination on the site of the former Bexhill School. Following the presentation of an initial scoping study a full feasibility study and site master plan was undertaken and presented to Cabinet in October 2014.

Cabinet was aware that the acquisition of the former High School site had encountered a number of complex legal obstacles and the report provided an update on the progress of the project and future actions to be taken. Cabinet confirmed its support for the proposed scheme and supported the recommendation subject to further legal advice regarding the issues which were highlighted within the report and during debate.

RECOMMENDED: That the 2017/18 Capital Programme be increased by £2 million to meet the costs of site acquisition and the cost of appointing a dedicated project manager funded from the Earmarked Reserve for Corporate Priority Projects and the Medium Term Financial Strategy Earmarked Reserve subject to further legal opinion on the issues highlighted in the report.

(This matter was considered exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended).

(When it first became apparent, Councillor Maynard declared a personal interest in this matter as an Executive Member of East

Sussex County Council and in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct remained in the room during the consideration thereof).

(When it first became apparent, Councillor Hollidge declared a personal interest in this matter as he hires/contracts a hall with Bexhill Leisure Centre for a club he runs and in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct remained in the room during the consideration thereof).

(Cabinet Agenda Item 9.1)

CABINET – 25 September 2017

BUSINESS RATES – DISCRETIONARY BUSINESS RATE RELIEF SCHEME

Council to receive an oral update from the Leader of the Council on the recommendations made from the Cabinet meeting held immediately prior to this Council Meeting. A copy of the report being considered by Cabinet is attached.

Councillor C.R. Maynard
Leader of the Council